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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 16, 2008

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Dear Sir:

Please enter this Amendment and Response to the Final Office Action dated October 16, 2008. A Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement are being filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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